

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: LEE <i>et al.</i>	Docket No: 375461-001T2C2 (355294)
Serial No.: 10/788,660	Confirmation No.: 3602
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COMBINED RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.142 AND
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the requirement for restriction mailed September 15, 2006 in the captioned application, Applicant elects the claims of Group III, claims 4-5, drawn to labeled nucleotides and polynucleotides, respectively, without traverse for examination on the merits.

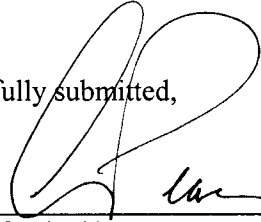
In connection with the election of species, Applicant elects the compound of claim 1. Elected claims 4 and 5 read on this species.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant also requests an extension of time of **three months**, to and including March 15, 2007, to respond to the restriction requirement. The Patent Office is authorized to charge all fees due under 37 CFR. § 1.17(a) (estimated to be \$1,020; large entity) to Dechert LLP, Deposit Account No. 50-2778 (Order No. 375461-001T2C2 (355294)).

No fees beyond the extension of time fee are believed to be due in connection with this Amendment. However, the Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may required, or

credit any overpayment, to Dechert LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2778 (**Order No. 375461-001T2C2 (355294)**)).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann M. Caviani Pease', is written over a horizontal line.

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